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Payment for Disputed Deductions to Claims by YBGK Lawyers

The issue of wrongful deductions by the Yayasan Bantuan Guaman Kebangsaan (“YBGK”) Headquarters began at the end of 2015. The Bar Council was mindful of these errors and has since sought to rectify the matter.

The YBGK EXCO met several times to review the rates of payment and resolve any uncertainties or differences in interpretation. Once this was done, the YBGK EXCO instructed the YBGK Headquarters to review all claims and deductions made from December 2015 and December 2019 with a view to making repayment to YBGK lawyers.

Since then, the YBGK Headquarters has already reviewed three batches of claims and deductions, and the amounts identified and paid between December 2020 and August 2023 are as follows:

- (1) RM69,969.22 — claims for December 2015 to January 2016;
- (2) RM246,193.31 — claims for February 2016 to July 2016; and
- (3) RM153,299.55 — claims for August 2016 to December 2016.

At the YBGK Board meeting held on 10 July 2024, the YBGK Headquarters reported that they have completed reviewing the deductions in relation to claims by YBGK lawyers for 2017, 2018, and 2019. The amounts identified for repayments are as follows:

- (1) RM75,241.55 — claims for 2017;
- (2) RM101,972.55 — claims for 2018; and
- (3) RM96,395.20 — claims for 2019.

We are happy to inform Members that payment for 2017 was made yesterday. Additionally, please note that payments for 2018 and 2019 are expected to be made in the coming weeks.

We would like to remind the YBGK lawyers concerned that they will have one month from the payment date to review the payment that they have received. If there are any concerns or issues with the payment, they may contact the relevant State Legal Aid Centres (“State LACs”) for assistance. Click [here](#) to view the contact details of the State LACs.



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We thank all YBGK lawyers for their dedication to ensuring access to justice for thousands of people and we hope that you keep up the important work you are doing for YBGK.

Thank you.

Mohamad Ezri Abdul Wahab
President
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